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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-5 and 7-14 without prejudice, amend Claim 6 and add Claim 15-17 as follows:

- 1-5 (Canceled)
- 6. (Currently amended) A composition comprising transglutaminase (TGase) I and a synthetic lipid vesicle ~~The composition of Claim 1,~~ wherein said synthetic lipid vesicle comprises a synthetic omega-hydroxyceramide ~~ceramide analog of the formula: 16-(16-hydroxyhexadecyl)oxyhexadecanoic acid.~~
- 7-14 (Canceled)
- 15. (New) The composition of Claim 6, wherein said TGase I is recombinant.
- 16. (New) The composition of Claim 6, wherein said synthetic lipid vesicle comprises phosphatidylserine, phosphatidylcholine, or cholesterol, or mixtures thereof.
- 17. (New) The composition of Claim 6, wherein said synthetic omega-hydroxyceramide is 16-(16-hydroxyhexadecyl)oxyhexadecanoic acid.